



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook April 28 – May 4, 2016

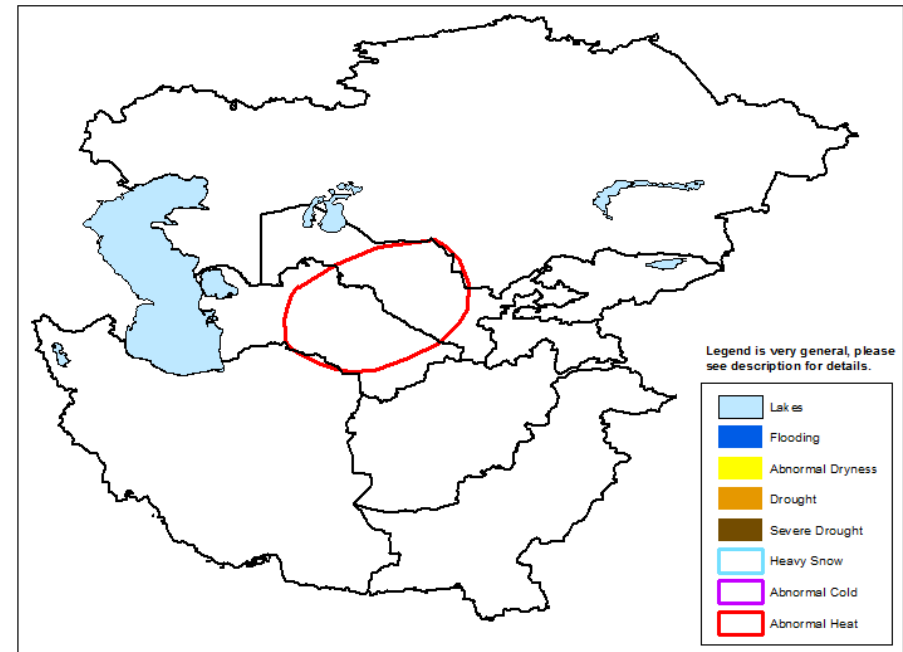
Temperatures:

Above-normal temperatures (1 to 9 degrees C) were observed across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan from April 17 to 23, while slightly below-normal temperatures prevailed across the remainder of the region. Maximum temperatures ranged from the middle 20s (degrees C) across northern Kazakhstan to the lower 30s (degrees C) across Turkmenistan and the lowlands of western Afghanistan. An abnormal heat hazard is posted for the next week where maximum temperatures are forecast to average more than 6 degrees C above-normal and exceed 35 degrees C.

Precipitation

Widespread moderate to locally heavy rainfall (more than 25 mm) affected much of Afghanistan, southern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The CPC unified gauge analysis indicates that most areas across Central Asia have experienced above-normal precipitation during the past 90 days.

Scattered showers are forecast throughout Central Asia during the next week. Since rainfall amounts are generally expected to be less than 25 mm, the risk of additional flooding is reduced compared to the previous two weeks.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.